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**BROCKTON, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz today announced that Jerome Morris has been arrested and charged with first degree murder and carrying a firearm without a license for his role in the August 9, 2014 shooting death of Quentin Phillip in Brockton. Morris was arraigned in Brockton District Court yesterday afternoon before Judge Julie Bernard. Morris was ordered to be held without bail.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew J. Libby told Judge Julie Bernard the following information:

Jerome Morris is alleged to have shot and killed Quentin Phillip as he sat in a car behind Joe Angelo's bar in Brockton in the early morning hours on August 9, 2014. Morris and Phillip knew each other and had been in an argument earlier in the night. After the confrontation, Morris lingered around in the parking lot with friends. After several minutes, he took a gun from a friend, walked over to the car and shot Quentin Phillip through the car window. Friends of Phillip rushed him to the Brockton Hospital, but he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Morris was arrested in Brockton on 10/31/14.

This case is next scheduled for a probable cause hearing on December 8, 2014. Jerome Morris is currently on probation for an assault and battery case and he is being held on a probation detainer as a result of these new charges.

The case remains under investigation by the State Police Detectives assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the Brockton Police. Anyone who has information is asked to contact Trooper Donald Short of the Massachusetts State Police at 508-923-4251.

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